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FIVE TRAINMEN KILLED IN WRECK ON LAKE SHORE

PASSENGER TRAIN DASHES INTO
SWITCH, ENGINE IN CLEVEL-
LAND YARDS

TEN PASSENGERS INJURED

BROKEN RAILS DITCHES ORIENTAL LIMITED ON THE BURLINGTON

Cleveland, O., Dec. 18.—Five persons are dead and two more may die as the result of a collision at East Twenty-sixth street early today between a switch engine and a Lake Shore passenger train. Ten other passengers were slightly injured. Those killed were all trainmen. The wreck occurred at a point near the Union Station. Snow was falling and it is believed that this was the reason for the accident as the red light was obscured. Several Vassar girls on their way home to spend the Christmas holidays, were among the passengers and they aided in caring for the injured.

Broken Rail Ditches Limited. Chicago, Dec. 18.—Train No. 52, on the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy railroad, known as the Oriental Limited, was wrecked early this morning near Western Springs, Ill., by a broken rail, three sleeping cars rolling down a steep embankment into the ditch. Although the train was running at a rate of 45 miles an hour at the time of the derailment, no one was killed, but many passengers received injuries. Only a few persons, however, were severely hurt.

The escape from an awful catastrophe was remarkable. Had the broken rail been fifty yards further west the cars would have been precipitated down a 25-foot embankment. There were fifty passengers in the day coach, but this car was not overturned.

The broken rail, termed by railroad men as a "snake rail," instead of piercing one of the car floors and carrying death with it, rolled up beneath the car in a confused tangle. Scarcely a passenger on the crowded train escaped some injury.

CYCLONE JOHNNIE THOMPSON OUTBOXES DICK HYLAND

Kansas City, Dec. 18.—After ten rounds of furious fighting "Cyclone Johnny" Thompson of Sycamore, Ill., was awarded the decision over "Fighting Dick" Hyland of San Francisco, here last night.

Thompson easily deserved the verdict. He rushed the battle from the

start and forced Hyland into clinches time after time. Using his vicious right to the jaw to good effect, the Sycamore farmer tottered the Pacific coast boy repeatedly.

Had Hyland been a fighter of slower recuperative power he would have been knocked out in the fifth round. Twice with hard swings to the jaw, Thompson sent his man to the canvas. The first time Hyland took the count of eight, and the second knock down kept him down nine seconds. He came back strong, however, and although Thompson tried hard to land a knockout punch he failed.

Mrs. Hyland was a spectator, although few people knew she was present. The gate receipts were estimated at \$4,500. Sixty per cent of this went to the boxers, who divided it sixty and forty per cent.

Betting was at even money. Thompson offered Hyland \$200 to \$400 he would knock him out, but Hyland refused the bet. Clarence Owens, the American association baseball umpire, refereed.

SUGAR TRUST THIEVES FOUND GUILTY BY JURY

New York, Dec. 18.—The jury last night found guilty five of the six employees of the American Sugar Refining company, who have been on trial for the last three weeks charged with criminal conspiracy to defraud the government of customs duties on imported raw sugar.

In the case of James F. Bender, a former cashier of the company's Williamsburg plant, the jury disagreed. Mercy is recommended for all those found guilty.

The jury was out ten hours. Under the indictment, Oliver Spitzer, a dock superintendent, John R. Coyle, Thomas Kehoe, Edward Albert and Patrick Hennessy, checkers, may be punished for the commission of two overt acts, the maximum penalty for each of which is two years' imprisonment and \$5,000 fine.

WOMEN ARRAIGNED ON A CHARGE OF MURDER

New York, Dec. 18.—Mrs. Caroline E. Martin, the mother of Mrs. Okey Sneed, the bath-tub victim, created a scene in the Tombs court when arraigned today on a charge of murder. She was denied permission to make a statement. Mrs. Martin, who was not represented by counsel, declared she meant to have her rights and resisted the efforts of the court officers to quiet her. She was led screaming out of the court room.

Mrs. Mary Sneed, aunt of Mrs. Okey Sneed, also was arraigned this morning on a charge of complicity in the murder of her niece.

COLD WAVE ENVELOPS WEST

BELOW ZERO IN COLORADO,
WYOMING AND NEW
MEXICO

HEAVY FALL OF SNOW

ALMOST UNPRECEDENTED DROP
IN TEMPERATURE IN MANY
PLACES

FRIGID WEATHER HERE

THERMOMETER REGISTERED
LOWEST READING IN YEARS
IN LAS VEGAS LAST NIGHT

Denver, Dec. 18.—The West and Southwest is today suffering from the coldest weather that has prevailed in this section of the United States in years. On the west slope of the Rocky mountains, from western Wyoming down into New Mexico, the cold wave is almost unprecedented in bitterness for this time of the year. Lander, Wyo., reports a temperature of 30 degrees below zero last night; Corona, Colo., near the summit of Great Divide, 22 below; Leadville, 18 below; Pueblo, 14 below, and Denver, 13 below.

The storm has been accompanied by a heavy fall of snow extending over Wyoming, Colorado, West and Central Texas, New Mexico and Northern Mexico. The snow is welcomed, especially in West Texas and New Mexico, where it will provide needed moisture for the winter ranges, although the big drop in temperature is sure to cause heavy losses of sheep and cattle on the range.

Eleven Below Here.

Last night was the coldest night in Las Vegas in many years, the thermometer at the local U. S. weather bureau station recording 11 degrees below zero. The snow storm of yesterday, continued throughout the greater part of the night, and the fall totalled several inches. Because of the cold weather, the snow remained dry and crisp. Although today dawned clear, it clouded before noon and the thermometer hovered around the zero mark the greater part of the day. In many Las Vegas homes last night the water pipes froze, plants were blasted and other damage done. Colder weather is predicted for tonight according to the forecast of the weather bureau issued for this section today. It is believed that the thermometer will register even a lower temperature than it did last night.

BUFFALO JONES, WHO ROPES 'EM ALIVE, IN LAS VEGAS

Col. "Buffalo" Jones, he who ropes mountain lions alive and the man who has gained an international reputation as the breeder of the famous cattalo, a cross between the now almost extinct buffalo, once king of the American plains, and a cow, arrived in Las Vegas this afternoon from the southern part of New Mexico, and went to La Placita ranch, where he will remain over Sunday.

Col. Jones came here for the express purpose of buying two famous bloodhounds belonging to S. L. Fischer, the well known Mineral Hill ranchman, which dogs he will take with him on his African trip, the final details of which he is now closing up.

The dogs purchased by Col. Jones are already trained in the art of trailing lions. They respond to the names of John and Rover. They have nine

COOK FAILS TO PROVE CLAIMS

UNIVERSITY OF COPENHAGEN
NOT SATISFIED HE REACH-
ED POLE

NO OFFICIAL STATEMENT

HOWEVER, IT IS UNDERSTOOD
EXPLORER'S DATA IS
LACKING

LIVELY ROW ANTICIPATED

PRELIMINARY REPORT PRO-
VOKED ANIMATED DISCUS-
SION IT IS SAID

Copenhagen, Dec. 18.—The Associated Press is informed by a high authority that the committee of the University of Copenhagen, in its preliminary examination of his records, has failed to discover proof that Dr. Cook ever reached the North Pole.

The consistency of the University of Copenhagen at a secret session today received the preliminary report, covering the first stage of the work of the committee which is examining the North Pole records of Dr. Cook. An excited discussion followed. The committee has not concluded its investigation.

The report was presented by Rector Torp, but its nature was carefully guarded. It was admitted the work thus far accomplished has provoked an animated discussion. Rector Torp said he hoped the result would be made public before New Year's.

STANDARD OIL FILES APPEAL FROM DECISION

St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 18.—Attorneys for the Standard Oil company of New Jersey, its subsidiaries and the seven individuals against whom the government recently won its dissolution suit, have filed an appeal from the decision of the federal circuit court. Sixty-five instances in which the trial court is alleged to have erred are cited as reasons for appealing to the federal supreme court.

Collectively the assignments of error are that the evidence did not show a violation of the Sherman anti-trust law.

PECULIAR DEATH OF MAN PUZZLES OFFICERS

Raton, N. M., Dec. 18.—The finding this morning of the body of a man afterwards identified as Samuel Metcalf, employed at the Pratt lumber mills near Vermejo Park, N. M., is puzzling the officers who are unable to decide whether Metcalf died as a result of falling from his horse, while on his

SANTA FE TRAIN NO. 8 DITCHED BY BROKEN RAIL

way to Cimarron to take the train for Raton, or was murdered. However, the latter theory seems the more probable, since a contusion on the head was the only wound found on the body. Metcalf was probably stunned by the fall from his horse and perished in the cold while unconscious. He was due to reach Raton today to attend the funeral of his father-in-law, J. P. Coe. The dead man's wife, from whom he was divorced, will reach this city tonight. She was coming to attend the funeral her father, who is to be buried tomorrow.

NINE-YEAR-OLD GIRL DIES VERY SUDDENLY

Gladys Long, the nine-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Long of Chicago, died in this city this afternoon about 1 o'clock. She came to Las Vegas last September in company with her mother, who is residing here for the benefit of her health.

The child was in apparently good health until Thursday afternoon when she complained of feeling ill and asked to be excused from school and allowed to go home. She grew steadily worse after being put to bed and showed no signs of improvement, her condition being critical at all times until the end came this afternoon. She was the only child in the family and was bright and intelligent for her years and a favorite with all who knew her.

George Long, father of the deceased, left Chicago this morning on the California limited and will arrive here Monday morning.

The body is at the Las Vegas Undertaking parlors.

PROBATE COURT DISPOSES OF ESTATE MATTERS

The probate court held a busy session this morning, taking up several estate matters of importance.

In the case of the last will and testament of Thomas Delaney, deceased, the matter was taken up asking for a date of probating, which date was set for January 31, 1910.

In the matter of the estate of John W. Metzler, deceased, Wm. B. Bunker was appointed administrator of said estate.

A claim was presented by Attorney Chester Hunker for Bacharach Brothers against the estate of Romaldo Martinez in the sum of \$42. The claim was allowed by the court.

The matter of the last will and testament of Louis Ransom, deceased, was taken up for probating, January 31, 1910, being set by the court as the date for such.

The court adjourned this afternoon subject to call of the judge.

PASSENGERS HAVE MIRACULOUS ESCAPE FROM DEATH THIS MORNING

ACCIDENT NEAR FULTON

THREE REAR COACHES LEFT THE
TRACK BUT DID NOT TURN
'OVER

A wreck, remarkable in that no one was killed or seriously injured, occurred shortly after 3 o'clock this morning just this side of Fulton, N. M., when eastbound Santa Fe train No. 8, in charge of Conductor Dan Reed, of Raton, and drawn by engines Nos. 1220 and 1203, Engineers George Sells and George Ryan, respectively, was ditched by a broken rail. Three cars left the track, resting in a perilous position on a steep embankment. The train, despite the fact that it was running as a double-header, was brought to a stop almost immediately and the only damage done was the jarring up of the passengers, some of whom were thrown from their berths in the tourist car and Standard Pullman.

The first reports of the wreck to reach this city was that the entire train had left the rails and plunged down a steep embankment, killing several passengers and injuring a score. However, the announcement later on this morning that the wrecked train would be here at noon and its arrival at that hour, set at rest the alarming rumors.

According to those on the train, No. 8, which did not stop at Fulton, was bowling along at a twenty-five mile clip, when, without warning, the baggage car suddenly jumped track and was followed by the tourist car and Standard Pullman following, which cars were on the rear end, owing to the peculiar make-up of the train, which was running as the first section of No. 1. The derailed cars bumped along the rails for several hundred feet before the train could be brought to a stop, but fortunately the couplings held and they did not plunge down the embankment alongside the track.

The wrecker from here, which was sent to Rogers Bend yesterday to clear up the wreck of a coal train there, was following close behind No. 8, and thus no delay was encountered in getting the wrecked cars back on the track. Traffic was delayed several hours.

Metal Market

New York, Dec. 18.—Lead and copper, nominally, market unchanged. Silver, 52.

KING LEOPOLD LEFT SNUG FORTUNE TO HIS CHILDREN

Brussels, Dec. 18.—King Leopold in his will declared he possessed a fortune of three million dollars which he left to his children. His Majesty expressed a desire that no autopsy be performed on his body and said: "Apart from my nephew, Prince Albert, and the members of my household, I forbid any one to attend my funeral. My papers shall be destroyed and handed to Prince Albert."

Albert, the new king, will take the name of Albert I.

No Complications Feared.

Paris, Dec. 18.—A special dispatch

to the Figaro, from Brussels, says Baron Goffinet, private secretary to the late King Leopold, denied the report that a civil marriage was performed at the deathbed of King Leopold, but admitted that a religious marriage probably occurred recently. Should this be the case, however, it will have no legal standing in Belgium and no complications are feared. Baron Goffinet said the Baroness Vaughan, Leopold's morganatic wife, would bring her children to Ballin Court today, but would return immediately to Brussels, where she will be allowed to remain unless her presence provokes a scandal.

MEXICO AND UNITED STATES ON VERY BEST OF TERMS

Washington, D. C., Dec. 18.—Mexico's policy of peace and her relations with the United States concerning Nicaraguan and other international subjects, was the subject today of a statement made here by Enrique Creel, the confidential agent of the Mexican government. Senor Creel made the following statement to the Associated Press:

"Mexico has no intention of having any war with Guatemala or any other country. Our policy is one of peace. Our relations with every country are

most cordial. Mexico has not made any representations to the state department to uphold the Zelaya administration. Not one word has yet been said by me to the state department concerning the life of General Zelaya or his safe conduct out of Nicaragua. The relations between Mexico and the United States have never been more cordial and this issue of Nicaragua is too small an affair to change either the policy or feelings of the United States government and our people, two of the greatest republics."

SANTA FE RAILWAY WILL STAKE THE DRY FARMERS

Albuquerque, N. M., Dec. 18.—It was announced today by the immigration department of the Santa Fe Railway that \$25,000 or more will be sent by this railroad company to demonstrate the practicability of dry farming in the semi-arid regions of New

Mexico. The hard working homesteaders in all parts of the territory will be supplied with the necessary funds and implements to continue the work. Professor J. D. Tinsley, of the New Mexico Agricultural college has resigned to take charge of this work.

VETERAN UMPIRE IS ELECTED PRESIDENT NATIONAL LEAGUE

New York, Dec. 18.—Thomas J. Lynch, of Cincinnati, former chief of staff of umpires, today was elected president of the National Baseball League. John A. Heydler, former president, was elected secretary and

treasurer. The elections were unanimous. Lynch was one of the most popular umpires who ever stood behind a pad. He also is noted for his unvarying refusal to umpire a game on Sunday.